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Six islands and Holland working together promoting cultural heritage



Last week, Minister of Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, officially opened the Symposium for all the countries in the Dutch Kingdom at the Surfside Marina. Dutch Minister of Culture made this symposium possible. Present at the occasion were, among others, Governor of Aruba Fredis Refunjol

and several representatives of each of the islands of the Dutch Caribbean.

According to the Aruban Minister... "our goal is to protect, educate and document what every country around the world considers important under the caption of cultural heritage; what we have in our culture that is intangi-

ble and which requires special treatment and care."

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US, EU urge 'audit' of Venezuelan vote tally

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States said yesterday it was too soon to recognize Nicolas Maduro as Venezuela's new president amid concerns about ballot fraud, as it joined EU calls for a vote recount.

The top US diplomat John Kerry said Washington was not yet ready to validate Maduro's narrow victory in Sunday's disputed elections in which he defeated opposition candidate Henrique Capriles by a margin of 1.7 percent.

"We think there ought to be a recount, there are huge irregularities, we're going to have serious questions about the viability of that government," he said, adding it was doubtful that a US delegation would attend Maduro's swearing-in ceremony set for tomorrow under such "contested circumstances."

EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton also said in a statement that she took "note" of statements by both sides "on

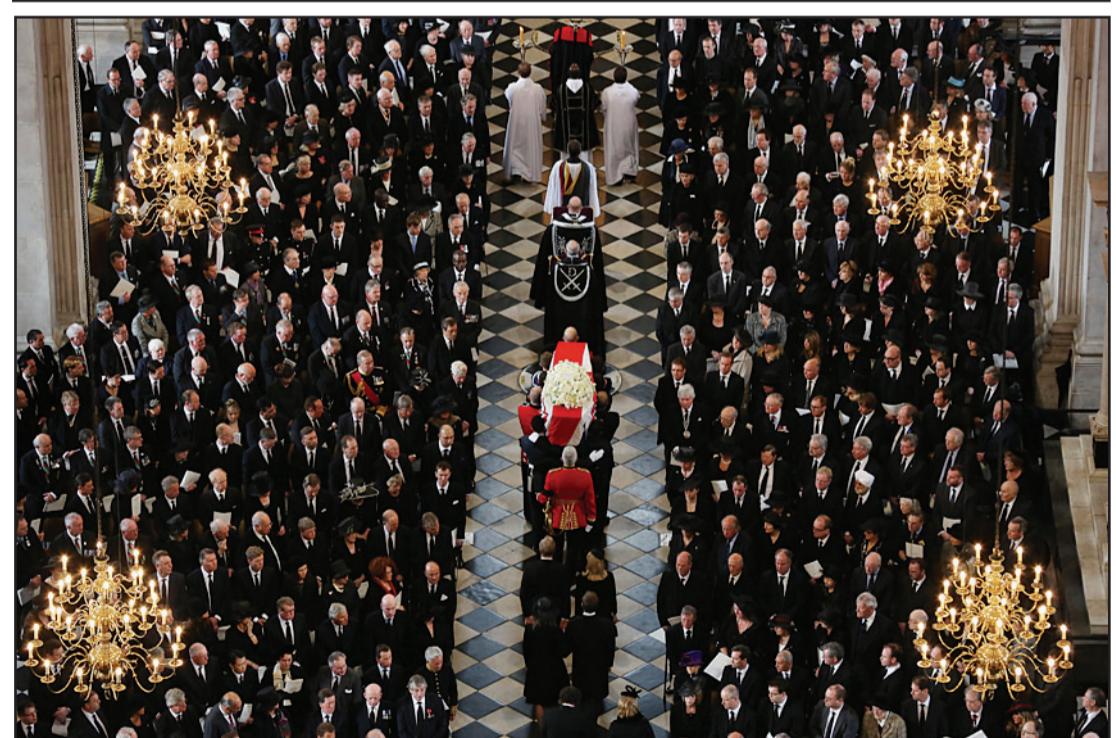
LONDON -- AFP photo shows the Bearer Party, made up of personnel from the three branches of the military, carrying the coffin of British former prime minister Margaret Thatcher during her ceremonial funeral in St Paul's Cathedral in central London yesterday. The funeral of Margaret Thatcher took place yesterday with Queen Elizabeth II leading mourners from around the world in bidding farewell to one of Britain's most influential and divisive prime ministers.



the need for an audit of the vote."

"It is important that the outcome of the vote can be accepted by all and that appeals are duly considered by the competent Venezuelan authorities," she said, adding her concern at "the growing polarization of Venezuelan society."

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A unique and entertaining evening awaited the Latin American delegates on the second night of the 24th Conferencia Anual di Turismo Aruba, or CATA, taking place Monday through Wednesday this week. Island tourism representatives welcomed over 65 of Aruba's important travel partners from Latin and Central America, during which they networked, inspected and evaluated the island's tourism product and were introduced to what is new and happening on Aruba.



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Divi Phoenix General Managers Mark Nooren and Gerrit Griffith welcomed delegates along with Divi Properties General Manager Alex Nieuwmeyer to the sleekly styled, appealing open air eatery that takes full advantage of its beachfront location.

The reception had a festive, carnival ambiance, as delegates wended their way through the Divi Phoenix gardens, greeted by the performers of Rhytmo Cubano, a Cirque di Soleil styled group, in colorful costumes. A welcome glass of champagne and Equator Band providing the perfect atmosphere for this elegant evening on the beach, where delegates dined on a tasty buffet of Rum Infused Shrimp, fresh local fish, and melt in your mouth tenderloin from the carving station.

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We have succeeded in documenting this officially at the United Nations so as to receive recognition as such. That process is slowly being completed.

The Minister concluded saying... "I am happy for this workshop, organized with the support from Holland. The

United Nations sees this as part of the entire Dutch Kingdom. Despite the fact that each island has their own aspects, we can bring them together and identify what each partner has in common or what differences there are in our intangible cultural heritage.

The first cycle of the "Green S Cool" project is reaching its final stage with a competition of the best "Green" project made by children of a secondary school.

As of February, Professor Wubbo Ockels has been giving presentations at different secondary schools of Aruba illustrating the importance for everyone to make an effort to preserve the only world we have to live in.

The government, in the past three and a half years, has set the pace for Aruba becoming 100% sustainable by the year 2020. To accomplish this, they have established alliances of cooperation with renowned institutions such as Carbon War Room of Richard Branson, TNO and Harvard University. Each of these will help Aruba



move in the direction to become 100% sustainable.

The government is of the opinion that in order to achieve this big goal, our own people must be adequately prepared and made conscious. This is the reason for taking our philoso-

phy to students of secondary schools. The goal is to encourage students to participate actively in projects that would benefit their schools as well as their own daily lives at home. This is how the "Green S Cool" concept and project was born.

Jeniree Gonzalez, one of the dynamic members of the Green Aruba group, is involved in the work of instilling awareness of Aruban youngsters on the importance of sustainable development. The 'Green S Cool' idea was born during the third Green Aruba Conference last year by one of the speakers, Professor D. Wubbo Ockels.

According to Ockels, to "be green" does not mean living with less, but living a different way, creatively and diversely.

By encouraging children and young people to participate actively in creating a sustainable environment for themselves, at school and at home, this will reduce the consumption of energy and will reduce the monthly cost of utility at home and at school.

Teachers who also participated in the workshop are prepared to guide students in the realization of their projects to participate in the "Green S Cool." After Ockels' presentation at the schools, these schools received six themes to choose from for their participation: Grey water re-use; windmill; electrical cars; wind cooling; architectural and solar panels.

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Dushyant Savadia is the International Program Director with the Art of Living Foundation. He is a humanitarian leader, spiritual teacher and an ambassador of peace. Relinquishing top management positions he embarked on a

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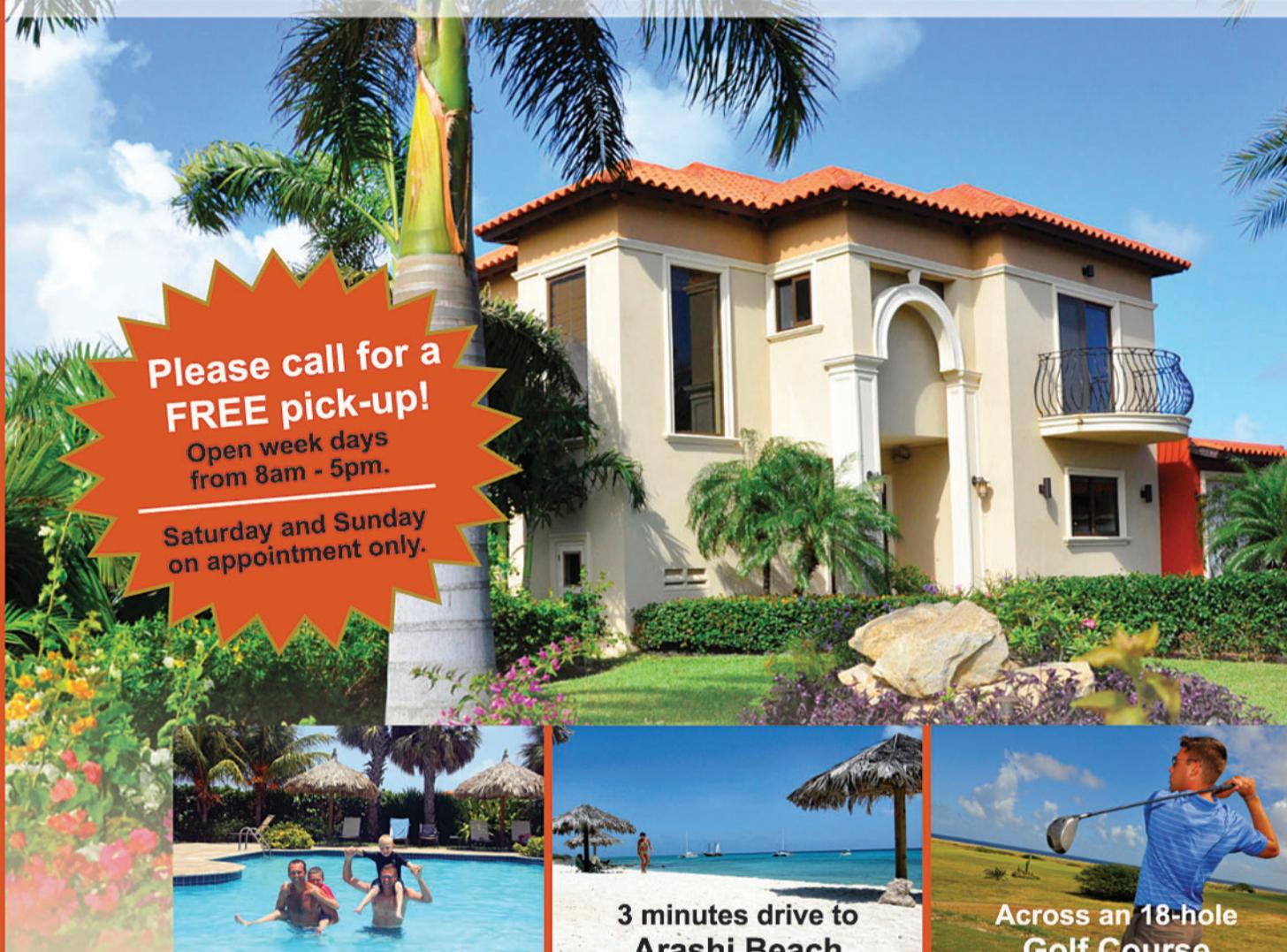
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Venezuela rules out recount after vote, deadly demos

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela's Supreme Court yesterday ruled out a recount of a disputed presidential vote won by the late Hugo Chavez's political heir Nicolas Maduro, upping the pressure on his rival to concede.

Tensions have been rising in Venezuela since Sunday's contest to replace Chavez. Maduro was named the winner, narrowly defeating opposition leader Henrique Capriles.

Seven people were killed and dozens more injured in post-election violence in the oil-rich South American coun-

try on Monday -- mainly in big cities, where Capriles did well. Each side has accused the other of stoking violence.

Chief Justice Luisa Estela Morales said that legally "there does not exist" in Venezuela the kind of vote-by-vote recount demanded by Capriles since the system is computerized. Capriles won 49.1 percent to Maduro's 50.8 percent.

"When you go around demanding something which is impossible, demanding a manual recount... without a doubt what you are doing is inciting endless street fighting. And

people should be held responsible for that," said Morales.

The court is widely seen as leaning toward the leftist government set up by Chavez, who led Venezuela for 14 years, dominating political life in his country and the Latin American left.

The tough talk from the high court has opposition members worried that legal repression could be forthcoming.

Capriles said Tuesday he was willing to open a dialogue with the 50-year-old Maduro, after initially saying the president-elect's win was "illegiti-

mate."

And the 40-year-old Capriles has said he will present a petition to the electoral board for a full recount based on documents he says demonstrate irregularities in Sunday's balloting.

The national electoral council has however already validated Maduro's victory.

Yesterday, supporters of the late Chavez and his oil-funded social programs rallied under the nose of Capriles outside his residence in northern Miranda state, calling for him to be removed as the state's governor.

"Be Green"

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To better inform students about these topics, Team Green Aruba will be organizing two workshops on each of the topics, one in Playa, at the National Library and one at the San Nicolas National Library. Both workshops will be given by local experts on the subject of sustainability and alternative energy. For more information consult their Facebook page on Green's Cool.

The final competition will take place on May 21st at the Cas Di Cultura during an event to begin at 3:00 in the morning and end at 12:00 noon. All participants will have the opportunity to present their project to those present.

US, EU urge 'audit'

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The White House meanwhile urged the Venezuelan government to protect the rights of free speech and protest, but warned against violence.

Spain had initially expressed doubts, but the foreign ministry late Tuesday said "now that the constitutional and legal procedures have ended," the government "respects the National Election Board's proclamation."

The European Union said it took note of the Maduro win but said Capriles' complaints should be examined by the government.

Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Russia and Spain have recognized the Venezuelan decision to confirm Maduro as the winner.

Nicolas Maduro said yesterday "we don't care" about US recognition after Washington suggested it was not ready to acknowledge his contested weekend election win.

"We don't care about your recognition," Maduro quipped at Kerry's remarks. "We have decided to be free, and we are going to be free and independent, with or without you," he stressed.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

'No one lied' about Benghazi attack, Kerry vows

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Secretary of State John Kerry pledged yesterday that nobody had lied about last year's attack on a US mission in Libya that killed four Americans, and urged US lawmakers to move on.

The former senator found the tables turned as he was grilled about the hot-button issue by his old congressional colleagues during his defense of the State Department's 2014 budget request before the House foreign affairs committee.

"I don't think anybody lied to anybody," Kerry insisted about the Benghazi attack that dominated the 2012 presidential race, also refusing to investigate statements made about it by US Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice.

Republicans have alleged that President Barack Obama's administration sought to cover up details of the attack in the eastern Libyan town of Benghazi, including that it was linked to terror groups.

Ambassador Chris Stevens was among four Americans killed on September 11 when Al-Qaeda-linked militants overran the US mission. An internal State Department probe initiated by former secretary of state Hillary Clinton found security was "grossly

inadequate" at the mission, and at a nearby CIA annex.

Amid persistent questioning from congressmen fuming that they still had not been given all the information they sought about the attack, Kerry vowed to appoint someone within the next 24 hours to work with them.

"Let's figure out what it is that's missing, if it's legitimate or isn't," he told lawmakers. "Let's find out exactly, together, what happened, because... we got a lot more important things to move on to and get done."

Kerry also defended Rice, who had initially been seen as the favorite to succeed Clinton, until she appeared on Sunday talk shows and, using talking points, said the attack had been "spontaneous."

Asked whether he would support an investigation into Rice's comments, Kerry replied firmly: "No, because I don't believe it's necessary."

"Ambassador Rice has apologized for her mistaken comments, which were based on talking points that she was given. And she has made it clear that she was mistaken," Kerry said.

"I am absolutely confident that Ambassador Rice did not purposefully mislead anybody. She was using the talking points and there was confusion in the early hours."

Boston doctors agonize over 'ugly job' of amputations

BOSTON, Massachusetts (AFP) - Doctors carried out at least 13 leg amputations after the Boston marathon bombings, and for the surgeons, it was an agonizing decision.

"We just completed the ugly job that the bomb did," said George Velhamos, Massachusetts General Hospital's chief of trauma surgery, of the extreme operations that had to be carried out after Monday's double bomb attack.

At least two people who were standing near the blasts at the marathon finish line lost both legs. Surgeons at the Boston hospitals and clinics where victims were taken said they have to deal with such dramatic decisions, but never in such numbers.

There were five patients at Boston Medical Center, four at Massachusetts General, two at Beth Israel Deaconess and one at Brigham and Women's Hos-

pital who lost legs in the bombings or the hours after. In some cases the amputations were carried out at the scene.

"These patients came to us with completely mangled, destroyed extremities, hanging by shreds of muscle and skin. We had to go through the unfortunate task of completing the amputation," said Velhamos.

The bombs are believed to have been hidden in low-lying garbage bins and spread nails, ball-bearings and other shards within two feet of the ground -- mainly at the legs of the crowds in the immediate vicinity. On top of loss of limbs, some victims had holes as big as their fists blown in their legs.

Amputation is a grave decision in normal circumstances, but even more daunting after a terror attack with mass casualties.

"What we like to do is be-

fore we take off someone's leg -- it's extremely hard to make that decision -- is we often get two surgeons to agree," said Tracey Dechert, a surgeon at Boston Medical Center.

"Am I right here? This can't be saved.' So that way you feel better and know that you didn't take off someone's leg that you didn't have to take," she added.

"All rooms had multiple surgeons so everyone could feel like we're doing what we need to be doing."

Many patients are in such a devastated condition that more limbs could be lost in days to come.

Peter Burke, a chief surgeon at Boston Medical Center, said relatives had to be involved very closely and as soon as possible with the trauma and its after-effects.

"We need to treat the family as much as the patients," he said.

US Senate deals Obama major setback on gun control

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama's gun control drive in the wake of the Newtown massacre suffered a major setback yesterday when the Senate voted down expanded background checks on firearms buyers.

The measure, which would have required background checks on sales at gun shows and on the Internet needed 60 votes for approval, but it fell well short, 54-46, as a handful of Democrats either facing tough re-election challenges in 2014 or from pro-gun states stood in opposition of the amendment.

"Shame on you!" yelled Patricia Maisch -- a survivor of the 2011 shooting that left six people dead and then-congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords gravely wounded -- from



the visitors' gallery. She was escorted out of the chamber.

She was one of several gun violence victims or relatives of victims, including parents or siblings of children killed in the Newtown school shooting in December, on hand to witness what they hoped would be

a victory for proponents of gun control.

Instead, the Senate's members confirmed they remain deeply apprehensive about instituting any legislation that could be seen as infringing on Americans' constitutional right to bear arms.

"They have no souls, they have no compassion for the experiences that people have lived through (with) gun violence, who have had a child or a loved one murdered by a gun," Maisch said.

The handwriting was on the wall by early yesterday, as most Republicans balked at supporting the expansion of background checks.

Four Democrats as well refused to get on board with the compromise legislation.

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International News

Letter addressed to Obama tests positive for ricin: FBI

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A letter addressed to US President Barack Obama tested positive for ricin in a drama over poisoned mail spreading alarm in Washington, which was already on edge Wednesday after the Boston bombings.

The FBI said there was no connection between the letter sent to Obama and detected at a remote mail facility, and another mailed to Republican Senator Roger Wicker, and the blasts at the Boston marathon which killed three people.

After preliminary tests on the Obama letter showed traces of ricin, further examinations will be carried out over the next 24 to 48 hours, the FBI said.

The US Secret Service said the letter to Obama had been intercepted at a mail screening facility outside the White House on Tuesday, the same day authorities said a letter was sent to Wicker that also showed traces of ricin.

Ricin -- a highly toxic protein found in castor beans -- can, when inhaled, cause respiratory problems. Ingested orally, it is lethal in even minuscule quantities.

Secret Service spokesman Edwin Donovan said the

agency, which protects the president and his family, was working closely with the US Capitol Police and the FBI to trace the origins of the letter.

NBC News cited unidentified government sources as saying that officials believed they knew who sent the letters, reportedly with a Tennessee postmark, but that no arrests had been made pending further tests.

The FBI said in a statement that a filter at a second mail facility had tested positive for ricin, and warned that more letters could be received.

The White House deflected inquiries on the incident to the FBI and the Secret Service.

Senator Carl Levin meanwhile issued a statement saying one of his staffers had discovered a "suspicious-looking letter" at a regional office in Michigan and handed it over to authorities for further investigation.

Adding to nervousness in the US capital, two Senate office buildings were briefly cordoned off amid reports of a suspicious package but were reopened after the all-clear was given.

US Capitol Police confirmed one man was being questioned.



CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's public prosecutor on Wednesday ordered the transfer of ousted president Hosni Mubarak to prison from hospital due to the "stability of his health," judicial sources said. The 84-year-old Mubarak will be moved back to Tora prison. He was being held at a military hospital in Cairo where he was being treated for a heart condition, fractured ribs, fluid in the lungs, depression and high blood pressure.

US Muslims fear backlash if Islamists behind Boston

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - US Muslims are watching closely as the probe into the Boston bombings unfolds, fearing a backlash like after 9/11 if an Islamist link is confirmed to the deadly attack.

Several Muslim groups issued statements within hours of Monday's double bombing at the Boston Marathon, strenuously condemning the attacks which killed three and injured more than 100 people.

Investigators said Tuesday the range of possible culprits remains "wide open," as speculation ranges from home-grown right-wing or white supremacist extremists to foreign Islamist groups or an Al-Qaeda type cell.

A spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Ibrahim Hooper,

said the Muslim group had already received "the usual hate calls," but nothing major as yet -- and underlined its main message was condemnation.

The number of FBI-designated hate crimes against Muslims and Arabs in America shot up dramatically after the September 11, 2001 attacks, which were quickly attributed to Al-Qaeda and a team of mostly Saudi hijackers.

Amid the torrent of accurate and not-so-accurate reporting as the Boston bombing story broke Monday, at least two news outlets inaccurately reported that a Saudi national was being held as a suspect.

No Islamist or other link has yet been confirmed. But Sahar Aziz of the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU) thinktank, said Mus-

lims should be wary.

"Because the stereotype of Muslims as terrorists and disloyal has become entrenched within American culture, there is a strong likelihood that Muslims in America will face backlash if the suspect .. is a Muslim."

The Los Angeles-based Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) posted a link on its Facebook page to a Washington Post story headlined: "'Please don't be a Muslim': Boston marathon blasts draw condemnation and dread in Muslim world."

"Was this thought crossing your mind today? Seems like it was for many Muslims," MPAC commented, referring to the link.

MPAC head Salam Al-Marayati said: "Terrorism has no faith so it is irrelevant what the culprit.. will claim as his affiliation. What is relevant is the crime of terrorism, which we as Muslims have been speaking out against."

America's estimated 3.5 million Muslims make up fewer than one percent of the country's population, according to a study by the Pew research group published in December.

A Pew poll published before the 10th anniversary of 9/11 found that "Muslims in the United States continue to reject extremism by much larger margins than most other Muslim publics."

Fugitive Caribbean ex-premier denied refuge in Brazil

BRASILIA (AFP) - The ex-premier of the British-ruled Turks and Caicos islands, wanted at home in connection with a corruption probe, has been denied refuge in Brazil because of lack of proof of political persecution, authorities said Tuesday.

Michael Misick, 50, was arrested at Rio's Santos Dumont airport in December as he tried to board a Sao Paulo-bound flight.

He had applied for refugee status in Brazil alleging political persecution by British authorities over his efforts to promote possible independence for his Caribbean homeland.

Brazilian Justice Minister Jose Eduardo Cardozo rejected Michael Eugene Misick's request because of "lack of proof of a supposed political persecution," his ministry said in a statement.

A Brazilian Supreme Court judge had ordered Misick detained in response to an arrest warrant issued by the British government.

In March last year, Interpol issued a "red notice" warrant

against Misick, who is being probed by British authorities for corruption.

A "red notice" means Interpol, the international police agency, is requesting a provisional arrest of a person with a goal of extradition.

Misick resigned in 2009 following a corruption scandal in which he was accused of money laundering and bribery in the British overseas territory.

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US hospitals make more money when surgery goes wrong

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US hospitals face a disincentive to improve care because they make drastically more money when surgery goes wrong than when a patient is discharged with no complications, a study found.

"We found clear evidence that reducing harm and improving quality is perversely penalized in our current health care system," said study author Sunil Eappen, chief medical officer of Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

An estimated \$400 billion is spent on surgery in the United States every year.

Privately insured patients with complications provide hospitals with a 330 percent higher profit margin than those whose surgeries went smoothly, the study published

in the Journal of the American Medical Association found.

Patients whose bills are paid by Medicare -- a government insurance plan for the elderly and disabled -- produced a 190 percent higher profit margin when complications arose following surgery.

"It's been known that hospitals are not rewarded for quality," said study author Atul Gawande, a professor at the Harvard School of Public Health and director of Ariadne Labs.

"But it hadn't been recognized exactly how much more money they make when harm is done."

While effective methods to reduce complications have been identified by researchers, the authors said that hospitals have been slow to implement

them.

"This is clear indication that health care payment reform is necessary," Gawande added. "Hospitals should gain, not lose, financially from reducing harm."

The researchers analyzed data from 34,256 surgical inpatients discharged in 2010 from a non-profit, 12-hospital system in the southern United States. A total of 1,820 procedures were identified with at least one complication.

They found that complications were associated with a \$39,017 higher profit margin per patient (\$55,953 vs. \$16,936) for privately insured patients. For Medicare patients, the profit margin per patient was higher by \$1,749 (\$3,687 vs. \$1,880).

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Vibrating fork to combat obesity makes its debut

WASHINGTON (AFP) - An electronic fork that vibrates when you eat too fast went on sale Wednesday on Kickstarter, with its French inventors claiming it can help combat obesity and digestive issues.

Those who contribute at least \$89 on the crowd funding website will get a HAPIfork, which comes in blue, green and pink, ahead of its planned general release to consumers in the United States and Europe later this year.

"While our product is still a prototype, we're thrilled by the global response so far," said

Fabrice Boutain, founder of the product's California-based developer HAPILABS, in a statement.

First shown at the Consumer Electronics Show, the HAPIfork -- the brainchild of French inventor Jacques Lepine -- is based on research that suggests people living in a fast-paced world can lose weight by eating more slowly.

The gadget, which is dishwasher safe, includes LED warning lights, a USB connector and software for computers and smartphones enabling users to monitor their progress towards a healthier pace of eating.



PARIS (AFP) - One of the world's most popular aquarium fishes on Wednesday joined the rat, the mouse, fruitfly and nematode worm in the roll call of creatures whose DNA has been sequenced to help fight disease among humans. A consortium of researchers unveiled the genome of the zebrafish in the British journal Nature, declaring it made a vital model for pinpointing faulty genes. The tiny striped fish -- *Danio rerio* in Latin -- has 26,000 genes, 70 percent of which are shared with humans. Eighty-four percent of genes known to be associated with human disease have a zebrafish counterpart. The fish has a brief life cycle and in the embryonic stage is transparent, which makes it highly useful in the lab. The zebrafish has already unlocked insights into cancer and heart disease and advanced knowledge of muscle and organ development, including genes implicated in muscular dystrophy.

Patient takes wheel of ambulance to save driver

LILLE (AFP) - A late-stage cancer patient has saved the life of an ambulance driver who suffered a heart attack, by taking the wheel of his vehicle and driving him to hospital, French medical officials said.

Christian Nayet, a 60-year-old cancer sufferer from the northern town of Berck-sur-Mer, rescued the driver on April 11 by taking him to a hospital in Lens, hospital emergency room manager Frederic Allienne told AFP on Wednesday.

Nayet told newspaper Voix du Nord the driver had suffered a heart attack while taking him to a hospital in Lille for a regular scan.

"I told him: 'Give me the

keys, trust me! My life is not in danger, but yours is!'" Nayet said.

"I couldn't find the siren, but I managed to turn the lights on and told him to put his arm out the window to signal to the cars to let us pass."

They drove into the area reserved for ambulances, Allienne said, and the ambulance driver was immediately admitted to the emergency room. During the drive, Nayet had also administered a blood anti-coagulant to the driver.

Without his assistance, the driver "could have died," Allienne said.

Nayet was then taken to another hospital for his scheduled tests.

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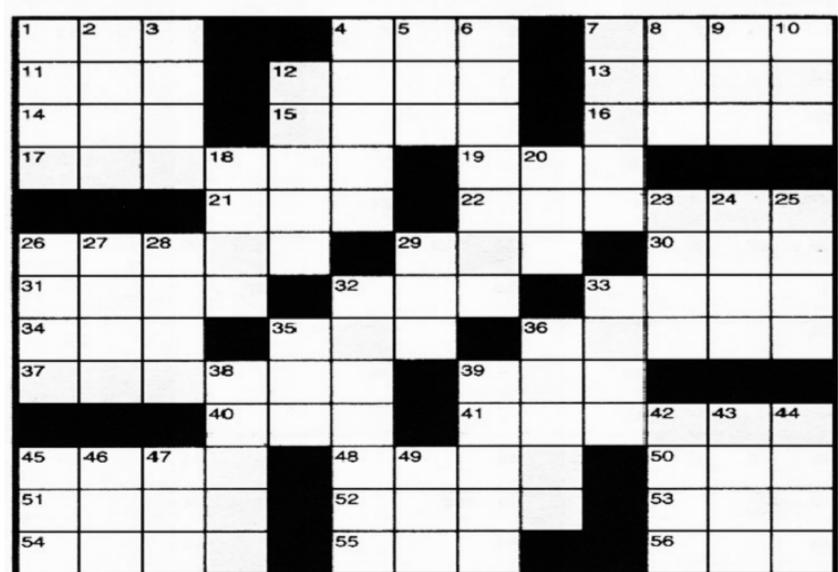


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Finance

Iran sees 'logical' oil price at \$100-120: ministry

TEHRAN (AFP) - Sanctions-hit Iran considers the "logical" price of crude to be around \$100 to \$120 a barrel, its oil ministry said on Wednesday, ahead of an OPEC meeting next month.

Oil prices were mixed in trade on Wednesday.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in May, fell 10 cents to \$88.66 a barrel but Brent North Sea crude for June was up 11 cents at \$100.20. The Brent contract on Tuesday fell below the \$100 mark for the first time since July.

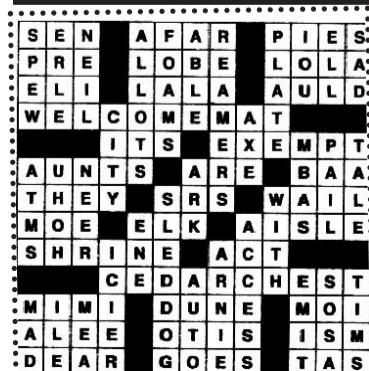
The \$100 price for Brent is considered ideal by OPEC kingpin Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, Commerzbank analysts noted, and crossing below it could prompt the oil cartel's members to cut back production to support prices.

OPEC is set to meet in Vienna on May 31.

Iran is OPEC's fourth biggest producer, after Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait, according to the group's data. In 2011, it ranked second.

Its output dropped to 2.67 million barrels per day in February, from 2.72 the previous month, OPEC said in April,

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citing secondary sources.

Tehran's own communications, however, still insist on its position as runner-up, putting oil production at 3.7 mbpd in February, the last month for which figures were available, the OPEC report added.

Iran has been under an oil embargo imposed by the European Union since July 2012, when European purchases of Iranian crude ended and also led to decreasing Tehran's oil exports to its Asian customers from 10 to 30 percent.

G20: Brazil wants debate on monetary easing risks

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazil wants the upcoming G20 meeting to debate the risks of financial turmoil linked to the monetary easing policies of some rich countries, a top Brazilian official said.

The official also late Tuesday that high-risk investments would also be on the agenda of the meeting in Washington that will bring together finance ministers and central bank chiefs of developed and emerging economies Thursday and Friday.

He highlighted the potential risks of the monetary easing and low-interest policies pursued by developed countries to deal with the financial crisis.

Brazilian officials also said they did not expect major decisions to emerge at the G20 meeting on the reform of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) demanded by emerging nations.

Brazil and other emerging powers have been clamoring for a greater say within the IMF in exchange for increased financial contributions.

Chinese bank ICBC tops Forbes Global 2000 list

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Chinese bank ICBC knocked US oil giant ExxonMobil from its perch as the world's biggest public company Wednesday, ranking number-one for the first time on the Forbes Global 2000 list.

Underscoring the power move by Chinese companies to top global rankings, China Construction Bank leaped 11 spots from last year to the number-two spot on the Forbes list of the world's largest public companies.

Forbes said that ICBC -- The Industrial and Commercial Bank of China -- and CCB were bumped higher in the ranks by double-digit growth in both sales and profits in 2012, although annual profit growth for both banks was the slowest rate since they went public.

ICBC brought in \$37.8 billion in profits on \$2.8 trillion in assets last year, while CCB earned \$30.6 billion on \$2.2 trillion in assets.

The rankings of the Forbes top 2000 are determined by an equal weighting of sales, prof-

its, assets and market value.

Wall Street bank JPMorgan Chase, the world's biggest company in 2011, slipped from number two in 2012 to number three in 2013 as sales dipped.

US conglomerate General Electric moved down a notch to the fourth spot.

ExxonMobil, the US oil and gas giant, tumbled from its one-year reign at the top last year to the number-five spot, despite being the world's most profitable company for the second year in a row with \$44.9 billion in net income, Forbes said.

Apple, which has vied over the past year with Exxon for the title of the world's most valuable company by market capitalization, was tied at number 15 with Wal-Mart Stores.

Wal-Mart reclaimed the top perch as the word's sales leader with 5.0 percent growth from Dutch-Anglo energy firm Royal Dutch Shell.

Germany's Allianz, South Korea's Samsung Electronics, and US-based AT&T joined the 25 top-ranked companies. Allianz gained the most

ground, rising to 25th from 50th in last year's list.

By country, the United States, adding 19 members, continued to dominate the list with 543 members, its highest total since 2009.

Japan lost seven members, but at 251 remained the second-biggest country on the list.

For the first time since the list began in 2004, Forbes said, China did not increase the number of its companies on the list.

But it still had the third-largest presence with 136 members.

Forbes highlighted three Asian countries that showed standout overall growth in the list: Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia.

Belgium, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates had the biggest rise in company market values, growing by double digits from a year ago.

Forbes said that overall the Global 2000 companies, which employ 87 million people, had seen mostly solid growth from a year ago.

Dutch high-tech group ASML posts sharp Q1 slump

THE HAGUE, April 17, 2013 (AFP) - The Dutch company ASML, which supplies computer chip-making systems and is a global high-tech bellwether, posted on Wednesday sharp drops in sales and net profit for the first quarter 2013, but said it expected business to pick up later in the year.

Net profit stood at 96 million euros (\$126 million), down by 66 percent from 282 million euros over the same period last year, but was nonetheless better than an average analyst forecast of around 83 million euros compiled by Dow Jones Newswires.

Group sales slumped by 40 percent to 892 million euros, but stayed within ASML targets, which analysts said reflected the current weak global demand for micro-processors.

"We achieved first quarter sales ahead of and gross margin in line with our guidance and reiterate our expectation for a sales acceleration during the year," the group's chief executive Eric Meurice said in a statement.

In January, the group reported a 16.25 percent drop in 2012 profit to 1.1 billion euros, on sales that were 21.88 percent lower at 4.7 billion.

ASML received 25 new or-

ders in the first quarter valued at 715 million euros, compared with 32 in the fourth quarter last year, the group said.

It also had a backlog of orders which included 42 machines with a total value of 1.26 billion euros, against 46 machines at the end of last year.

Headquartered just outside the southern Dutch city of Eindhoven, ASML operates in 16 countries and is considered a good indicator of conditions in the microprocessing industry.

It manufactures machines used to make integrated circuits and semiconductors and has 8,000 full-time employees.



Sci-Tech

Yahoo! profit soars but revenue falls

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Marissa Mayer's quest to revive Yahoo! stumbled on Tuesday with word that revenue from display ads at the heart of its business shrank in the first three months of this year.

Yahoo! profit soared to \$390.9 million, a 36 percent rise from the same period last year on the back of returns from stakes in Chinese Internet giant Alibaba and Yahoo! Japan. But money from its own online ads sagged.

Yahoo! shares fell more than four percent to \$22.80 in after-hours trade after the company reported that revenue fell 6.6 percent to \$1.14 billion in the quarter that ended March 31.

Display ad revenue dropped 11 percent from the same period last year.

In contrast, the overall US digital ad market grew 14.8 percent to \$9.64 billion in the first three months of this year, according to industry tracker eMarketer.

Google and Facebook are expected to account for 41.6 percent and 6.5 percent of US digital ad revenue this year, respectively, according to eMarketer.

Mayer took over in July at Yahoo! after 13 years at

Google, having been hired as the 20th employee and first woman engineer at the company that went on to be the new king of Internet searches.

She joined Yahoo! as the fifth chief executive there in as many years as the struggling Internet search pioneer tried to reinvent itself as a "premier digital media" company after withering in Google's shadow.

Mayer has echoed the mantra of predecessors who maintained that the company could find prosperity by mining information about users to insightfully tailor online content and target money-making advertising.

On Tuesday, she likened her plan to get Yahoo! back up to speed to a series of sprints, with the first leg comprised of bulking up the pool of talent at the company.

Mayer said that tailoring products for mobile gadgets is a priority at Yahoo! as lifestyles shift to smartphones and tablet computers.

The Sunnyvale, California-based company also planned to capitalize on multi-year partnerships with Google, Facebook, Apple and Microsoft.

Apple plunges as supplier slashes profit forecast

NEW YORK (AFP) - Apple shares plummeted more than 5 percent Wednesday after Cirrus Logic, a supplier of Apple components, slashed its own profit guidance, suggesting its Apple business had weakened.

Apple shares were off \$22.33, or 5.2 percent, to \$404.70 at 1830 GMT after briefly touching below \$400 a share earlier in the session.

The drop came after Cirrus, which relies on Apple for a majority of its sales, warned

Tuesday that profits for its fiscal fourth-quarter, through March 30, would be lower.

Cirrus reduced its revenue forecast and slashed its gross margin forecast after disclosing that it expects a \$23.3 million inventory reserve, of which \$20.7 billion is "due to a decreased forecast for a high volume product as the customer migrates to one of Cirrus Logic's newer components."

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- * Choose matches over lighters.
- * Give it away, before you throw it away.
- * Plastic Bags suck.
- * Recycle old cell-phones.



BRASILIA (AFP) - Natives from different tribes dance at the National Congress in Brasilia on April 16, 2013, during a protest against the invasion by farmers of their territories. Indians from many regions of Brazil will be in Brasilia this week to press political leaders that the definition of the demarcation of their ancestral lands be made as fast as possible to stop plans to evict them in a dispute with wealthy white ranchers as well as soya and sugar cane plantation owners

FoxConn to pay Microsoft royalties for Android devices

NEW YORK (AFP) - Taiwan tech giant Hon Hai, parent company of FoxConn, will pay royalties to Microsoft to ward off a lawsuit over its production of devices using rival Google's Android and Chrome platforms.

A Microsoft statement late on Tuesday did not reveal the amounts the US company will be paid however.

The licensing agreement protects Hon Hai from claims

that the cell phones and televisions it produces and which use Android and Chrome infringe on Microsoft's patented technology.

The Taiwanese company is the world's largest contract electronics maker and assembles products for Apple, Sony and Nokia, among others, in huge plants in China where it employs more than one million workers.



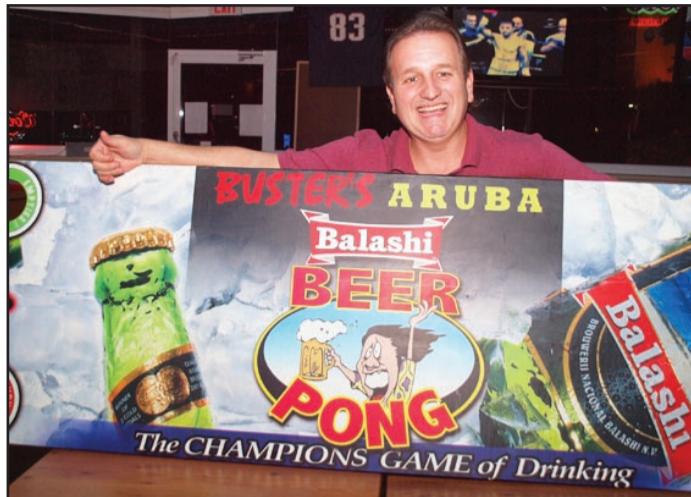
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Fans of Aruba's favorite sports bar are happy to hear that Buster's Garage has relocated to the restaurant/bar space inside Trop Casino. Now Eagle Beach resort guests have a great place for a bargain-priced breakfast or a bucket of beer while rooting for the team of their choice.

Buster's has that great,

homey feel of settling in to enjoy a game with buddies, greatly due to the warmth and enthusiasm of owner Rusty. He takes pride in making patrons feel welcome. "If somebody really needs to watch their home team on the field, we'll be happy to put it on for them," he confidently assured us. "We have 3 satellite dishes

with separate packages to pick up every station imaginable. If there is a game going on out there somewhere, we'll find it."

With giant screens everywhere throughout the joint, there isn't a bad seat in the house. Aside from their all day menu of game-watching favorites, they also feature a



A whopping cheese nachos w/chicken dish



Threesome, takes care of the entertainment

hearty breakfast menu. The "Grand Slam Platter" includes eggs any style, pancakes or waffles, bacon, juice, fresh made home fries with coffee or tea for only \$9. Lunch and dinner menus reflect the same moderate pricing with required sports bar standards such as chicken wings, club sandwiches, burgers and a heaping helping of nachos, averaging \$9; pizza and main courses range from \$11 to \$15.

Aside from the games and the gambling, patrons can expect great entertainment three

nights weekly with one of Aruba's most popular trios, "Threesome." There are also some wild times getting acquainted with Rusty's Beer Pong, the Drinking Game of Champions. Win or lose, players always end up with a smile on their face.

This family friendly place, with air hockey and video games for the kids, along with a special menu for young ones, is open 7 days a week from 7:30 AM until 1:00 AM for late night snacking and fun.

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stronger than before,
I will not give up,
I will not give in,
You won't make me fall,
I won't let you win.

By Emma Jackson



ZAGREB (AFP) - A message in a bottle to a woman named Mary thrown by a Canadian into the Atlantic in 1985 has washed ashore almost 8,000 kilometres (4,971 miles) away in Croatia 28 years later. "Mary, you are really great person. I hope we can keep in correspondence. I said I would write. Your friend forever, Jonathon, Nova Scotia, 1985," said the message found by 23-year-old Croatian Matea Medak Rezic. Rezic was taking part in a beach clean-up near the Adriatic port of Ploce when she found the bottle. "The bottle was broken, but the message, written with a blue ballpoint pen, was in good shape as it was plastic-coated," Rezic told AFP.

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Football: Stuttgart to meet Bayern in German Cup final



VfB Stuttgart's coach Bruno Labbadia (2nd L) celebrates with team after winning

BERLIN (AFP) - VfB Stuttgart will face favourites Bayern Munich in June's German Cup final after they enjoyed a 2-1 semi-final win at home against Freiburg on Wednesday.

The victory was a double bonus to Stuttgart as they are now guaranteed a Europa League place next season as final opponents Bayern have qualified for the Champions League.

Bayern had hammered Wolfsburg 6-1 in Munich on Tuesday, with Germany striker Mario Gomez coming off the bench to score a hat-trick in just six second-half minutes.

With Bundesliga champions Bayern chasing the treble, having reached the Champions League semi-final where they face Barcelona on Tuesday, Stuttgart are hunting their first silverware since 2007.

There were tears at the final whistle as Freiburg were denied the first German Cup final appearance in the club's history at the final hurdle.

Stuttgart, who are 12th in the Bundesliga, will be appearing in their sixth German Cup final, their first since losing the 2007 final, while Bayern are bidding to win the cup for the 16th time having lost 5-2 to Borussia Dortmund in Berlin last year.

SPORTS

Tennis: Djokovic overcomes pain barrier as top 3 through

MONTE CARLO (AFP) - Top three seeds Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Rafael Nadal all made winning starts at the Monte Carlo Masters on Wednesday.

World number one Djokovic said he was pleased to have passed a huge test on his injured right ankle following a 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 defeat of Russian Mikhail Youzhny.

Second seed Murray posted an uneventful 6-1, 6-4 win over Frenchman Eduardo Roger-Vasselin while Nadal began his favourite part of the year and a quest for a ninth straight title here with a 6-1, 6-2 defeat of Marinko Matosevic.

Djokovic had waited until the last minute to make his decision on whether he could compete, having rolled his ankle on Davis Cup duty 10 days ago. He earned a late break for 5-4 in the final set as Youzhny missed a drop shot, before serving out the match.

Murray was pleased with his own effort on his weakest surface as he beat Roger-Vasselin.

Nadal was totally in his comfort zone on another sunny, warm day on the Mediterranean, demolishing the Australian in 62 minutes.

Nadal's quick win marked a successful return to action after resting for three weeks in the

wake of his Indian Wells title of last month.

The 26-year-old is planning his schedule more carefully after missing seven months of play in 2012-2013 due to his chronic knee problems.

But he will have little rest in the run-up to Roland Garros, with entries set for Barcelona plus the Madrid and Rome Masters over the next four weeks.

Nadal, playing Monte Carlo for the 10th time, improved his phenomenal record here to 45-1, with his only loss coming to Guillermo Coria in 2003 as a teenager.

He said, though, that despite his enviable Monte Carlo run, he feels no extra pressure to win.

Nadal next plays German Philipp Kohlschreiber.

Elsewhere in the second round, Czech fourth seed Tomas Berdych began his clay season with a defeat of Spain's Marcel Granollers 7-5, 6-4.

Croatian ninth seed Marin Cilic put out South African Kevin Anderson 6-2, 6-3, while Austrian Jurgen Melzer upset Spanish tenth seed Nicolas Almagro 6-4, 6-2 and veteran Finn Jarkko Nieminen upset Canadian 12th seed Milos Raonic 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (7/3).

Football: Real Madrid push Man Utd off top of rich list

LONDON (AFP) - Spanish giants Real Madrid have replaced Premier League powerhouse Manchester United at the top of the Forbes list of the world's most valuable football teams.

United had held first place since business analyst Forbes started compiling the list in 2004, but have been overtaken by Real in the latest rankings.

Barcelona, the current Spanish league leaders, are in third place, while United's Premier League rivals Arsenal are fourth ahead of newly crowned German champions Bayern Munich.

Real Madrid are valued at £2.15 billion (\$3.3 billion), making the Spanish club the most valuable sports franchise in the world, and United at £2.07 billion.

Forbes said in a statement: "This is the first time since

Forbes began valuing soccer teams in 2004 that Manchester United is not No.1 on the list.

"Real Madrid has been consistently delivering the highest revenues of any soccer team in the world, despite an intense economic meltdown in Spain."

"According to this year's soccer valuations, the top 20 teams are worth an average of \$968 million (£634 million), an increase of 26 percent over last year."

Paris Saint Germain's David Beckham still tops the list of highest-earning footballers with earnings of £33 million, £29 million of which came from endorsements.

Ronaldo is second with earnings of £28.8 million and Barcelona's Lionel Messi in third place with a total of £26 million last year from salary and endorsements.

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NBA: Raptors playing role of playoff spoilers

ATLANTA (AFP) - DeMar DeRozan scored 30 points and Rudy Gay finished with 22 as the Toronto Raptors easily defeated the playoff-bound Atlanta Hawks 113-96 at Philips Arena on Tuesday.

Jonas Valanciunas scored 13 points, Amir Johnson and John Lucas chipped in with 11 apiece while Kyle Lowry handed out 11 assists for the Raptors who have won four consecutive games all against teams that are headed to the NBA postseason.

Kyle Korver put up 13 points to lead the Hawks, who dropped into a tie for fifth place in the Eastern Conference with the Chicago Bulls

with one game remaining in the regular season.

The loss dealt a blow to the Hawks' attempt to secure the fifth seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs. Both the Hawks and Chicago have 44-37 records.

The Hawks travel to Madison Square Garden to face the New York Knicks on Wednesday in their final game of the regular season. The Bulls finish the season with a home game against the Washington Wizards.

Mike Scott came off the bench to finish with 12 points and 12 rebounds and Ivan Johnson had 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Hawks.

The Raptors will miss the postseason for the fifth straight season but they have been playing the role of playoff spoiler of late by winning six of their last seven.

The Hawks have now won two of three contests against the Raptors this season and are 8-2 in their last 10 games against Toronto at home.

Atlanta Braves With 10 straight wins

With only 13 games into the season, the Braves have lost just once. They've won 10 straight - best in the majors - and already lead the National League East by 4 1/2 games.

Atlanta's latest victory was engineered by another display from one of the most potent lineups in the majors. Jason Heyward, Upton and Dan Uggla each hit solo homers in

the eighth inning to help the Braves rally past Kansas City for a 6-3 victory on Tuesday night.

Atlanta's 10-game winning streak is its longest since the club won 15 straight from April 15-May 2, 2000. At 12-1, the Braves are off to their best start since they began the 1994 season 13-1.



BUDAPEST (AFP) - Hungary's Viktor Tokaji (R) vies with Kazakhstan's Roman Starchenko (L) during the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A match Italy vs Great Britain in 'Papp Laszlo' Arena of Budapest yesterday, Kazakhstan beat Britain 5-0 .

NASCAR hits teams hard



The Miller Lite crew works on the No. 2 Ford after the car failed prarace inspection Saturday at Texas.

-- NASCAR is making Penske Racing teammates Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano pay the price for technical violations with their cars that were uncovered before the start of the Sprint Cup's NRA 500 on Saturday night at Texas Motor Speedway.

Each driver was stripped of 25 points in the championships standings and their teams were hit with suspensions that included both crew chiefs, NASCAR announced Wednesday.

Paul Wolfe, Keselowski's crew chief Paul Wolfe, was fined \$100,000 and suspended for the next six races. Car chief Jerry Kelley, team engineer Brian Wilson and Penske com-

petition director Travis Geisler also were suspended for six races

Todd Gordon, Logano's crew chief, received the same \$100,000 fine and six-week suspension. Car chief Raymond Fox and team engineer Samuel Stanley also were suspended for six weeks.

In addition, the Penske team members were placed on probation until Dec. 31.

Martin Truex Jr. also was penalized for his car being too low after Saturday's race at Texas, losing six championship points while crew chief Chad Johnston was fined \$25,000 and placed on probation through June 5.

MLB Standings

American League

| East | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| BOSTON | 09 | 04 | .692 | -- |
| YANKEES | 07 | 05 | .583 | 1.5 |
| BALTIMORE | 07 | 06 | .583 | 2.0 |
| TORONTO | 06 | 07 | .429 | 3.5 |
| TAMPA | 04 | 08 | .308 | 5.0 |

Central

| Central | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| DETROIT | 08 | 05 | .615 | -- |
| KANSAS | 08 | 06 | .571 | 0.5 |
| MINNESOTA | 06 | 07 | .462 | 2.0 |
| CHICAGO | 06 | 08 | .429 | 2.5 |
| CLEVELAND | 05 | 07 | .417 | 2.5 |

West

| West | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| OAKLAND | 11 | 04 | .714 | -- |
| TEXAS | 09 | 05 | .615 | 1.5 |
| SEATTLE | 06 | 09 | .429 | 5.0 |
| HOUSTON | 04 | 10 | .308 | 6.5 |
| LA ANGELES | 04 | 10 | .308 | 6.5 |

National League

| East | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| ATLANTA | 12 | 02 | .857 | -- |
| WASHINGTON | 08 | 06 | .571 | 4.0 |
| NY METS | 07 | 06 | .538 | 4.5 |
| PHILADELPHIA | 06 | 07 | .462 | 5.5 |
| MIAMI | 03 | 11 | .214 | 9.0 |

| Central | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| ST. LOUIS | 08 | 05 | .615 | -- |
| PITTSBURGH | 06 | 07 | .462 | 2.0 |
| CINCINNATI | 06 | 07 | .462 | 2.0 |
| MILWAUKEE | 04 | 08 | .333 | 3.5 |
| CHICAGO | 04 | 09 | .308 | 4.0 |

| West | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| SAN FRANCISCO | 10 | 04 | .714 | -- |
| ARIZONA | 09 | 05 | .643 | 1.0 |
| COLORADO | 08 | 05 | .615 | 1.5 |
| DODGERS | 07 | 07 | .500 | 3.0 |
| SAN DIEGO | 04 | 10 | .286 | 6.0 |

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Team Aruba stays on top of cancelled Georgia Drags

--VALDOSTA After taking the pole in their first lap down the track at the ADRL Georgia Drags VII, Team Aruba was amped for the weekend of racing. Through three rounds of qualifying, they managed to hold the number one spot with their 4.063 elapsed time. Race day was full of promise for the Aruba.com/Alltel Wireless Mustang. Mother Nature, however, had different plans. Sunday dawned with rain that never left and by noon the event was canceled. The ADRL cancellation policy states that the event is canceled without makeup, but that all points and monies will be awarded.

"It was very exciting and encouraging to achieve the number one qualifying spot," told driver Trevor Eman, "but at the same time it was very upsetting to see rain cancel our event. We were ready to tackle race day, and were confident to take the win together with the number one qualifying spot. Those things are out of our control, however, and overall we can't be disappointed. This is just another step towards winning a race this year, which we just can't wait to make happen."

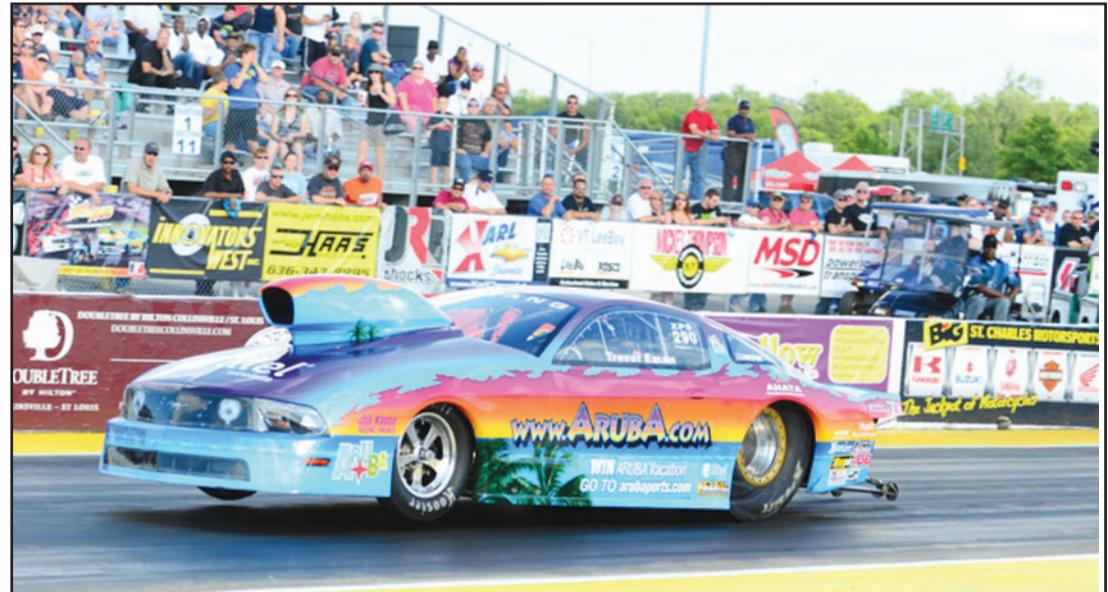
"ADRL canceled the event in its entirety due to the rain, but they are granting everyone their qualifying points.

We were fourth in points before the event, but only one point behind third, so our qualifying points should take us to the third spot in the Extreme Pro Stock points standings. Just the idea of being top three in points is nice to hear."

So far in 2013, Team Aruba has already been one of the most successful teams in XPS, reaching the semi finals in the first event and achieving the number one qualifying spot at the second stop on the tour.

"I'd like to extend my well wishes to Dan Parker," added Eman. "He was the special guest of ADRL at this past weekend's event. Last year he lost his eyesight due to a drag racing accident and is now aiming to become the first blind person to pilot a vehicle on the Bonneville salt flats. That's an incredible goal and we believe that he will no doubt accomplish it. Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to personally shake his hand at the event and give him my well wishes, but I would like him to know that Team Aruba is behind him in his ambitions."

"As a team coming from the tiny island of Aruba, who needs to travel long way to and from the races every time there is a race,



we recognize that reaching your goals is not always easy, and that there are roadblocks along the way. Team

Aruba is on a mission to win an ADRL Extreme Pro Stock race in the near future, and hopefully one day a

Championship, and I know that Dan Parker will reach his goals as well. Dan, go get 'em!"

HUY (AFP) - : Nederlands' Marianne Vos (2nd from R) winner of the 77th edition of feminine Walloon Arrow poses with men winners (from L to R) Colombia's Sergio Henao Montoya (places 2nd), Spanish Daniel Moreno Fernandez (places 1st) and Carlos Betancur Gomez (places 3rd) on the podium of the 77th Fleche Wallonne one-day cycling race, from Binche to Huy.

